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C. T. GRANDY,
General Manager.

THE ADVISORY BOARD.

In another column is printed the outline of an ordinance which would create such an advisory board as THE TIMES has suggested for supervising public improvements. It is drawn within the lines of the law and the charter. The plan is satisfactory to an overwhelming majority of the freeholders, and it will work.

Moreover it is the only plan yet presented which will save the bond ordinances from defeat. Putting the matter in the most favorable light the Council has not the necessary time to devote to supervising public improvements. The freeholders know this, and the Council knows it. Knowing this the freeholders will not take money from their pockets to be spent haphazard.

Yet a majority of the Council are on record as opposing the advisory board. At first their opposition was "because the Council cannot delegate its powers." Having taken the cue, they now oppose it with a woman's argument, "Because."

Yet a majority of the Council, sticklers that they are about the legality of a board which would be clearly legal, have repeatedly delegated duties to committees of their own body "with power to act"—the legality of which action is questionable at all times and illegal in not a few instances. A majority of the Council have on more than one occasion "legalized" the illegal expenditure of money.

The Council meets next Tuesday in regular session. By its action the fate of the bond ordinances will be decided. THE TIMES has no pride of place. If the Council has a better plan, one which will be more satisfactory to the freeholders, and which will produce better results, let it be brought out. THE TIMES will be among the first to acknowledge its superiority.

If, however, the past vacillating policy is pursued the bond ordinances will be defeated. The case rests with the Council.

THE SHIPPING BILL.

The shipping bill comes up in the House to-day and will be voted on Friday. There is every reason to suppose that it will pass.

A country without shipping is as badly off as a merchant would be who had to depend on his business rivals to deliver his goods. Some Congressmen cannot see this point, partly from obliquity of mental vision, partly because hide-bound party traditions are construed against it.

These statesmen are still traveling in stage coaches, and cannot get beyond

the stage coach period. Fortunately their constituents so far as Virginia is concerned are ahead of them and see clearly the point to be arrived at.

Every principal city in Virginia has pronounced in favor of the shipping bill with certain sound. We want to exchange goods with all South America, but have to pay foreign countries heavy toll on the exchange in the way of freights. Worse than that, a majority of American freights have to go four thousand miles out of their way to Liverpool or London before they can be taken to South America and vice versa.

The United States has to pay heavily not only for having its goods carried where it wants them to go, but also for having them carried all over the Robin Hood's barn of the ocean where it does not want them to go.

The shipping bill would change all that.

Mr. Terry's Holsteins.

Mr. P. L. Terry's herd of Holstein thoroughbred cattle will arrive here early this morning by the Shenandoah Valley division. They were reported at Basic City yesterday afternoon. Cattle usually look the worse for wear after several days of railroad travel, and these will probably be no exception. But a few days rest and a good currycombing will bring them out as sleek as ever. The Holstein is a symphony in black and white.

A Big Salary for a Roanoker.

A prominent business man of this city, who has amassed a fortune outside of his mercantile pursuits by real estate investments, was offered \$50,000 a year to accept the management of a development company of Baltimore, but declined to accept the offer because he could not afford to lose the opportunity of making double that amount, as he did last year, by dealing in Roanoke real estate.

A Day of Prayer.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES: To-day is the day appointed by the General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church as the day of prayer for students in colleges and schools and universities. It will be observed by the Presbyterian congregation in this city, and Christians are urged both in their private devotions and at family worship to remember the young of our church and land who may be in these institutions.

In our city we have boys in Allegheny Institute, girls in Mrs. Gilmer's school, and boys and girls in the public schools, and in Miss Featherston's school. The teachers in these institutions and these young people need the sympathy and prayers of Christian people. We have a number of young men in Hampden-Sidney College. These young men need your prayers. Remember them to-day, and send up a petition to the Great Father of all that he would keep these boys and girls, and make them worthy and useful men and women. There is power in united prayer. May the answers come back to your homes.

MINISTER.

Encourage Local Manufacturers.

From the Virginia Manufacturer.
Edward Everett Hale, who has written more common sense about a great many things than it usually falls to the lot of any one man to write, in speaking of the theory that one section should do the manufacturing for another while the latter raises corn and cotton, says:

"From the year 1620 to the year 1775 there is hardly a great invention which can be credited to a New Englander. He rested the same fire-lock over the breastwork at Bunker Hill which his great-grandfather had fired in King William's war, and the shirt on his back was woven on a loom the twin of that on which Madam Dudley wove the governor's shirts."

"This is what happens when you say to one country that it shall raise food for some other country and to some other country that it shall do the manufacturing for the food raisers. The benevolent mother country for a hundred and fifty years did just what the same benevolent mother country would be glad to do now. We in Boston were permitted to catch lobsters, to send out our boats for fish, and with that to supply the larder tables of the world. We might build wooden ships and sell them to Europe; we might send them masts and beaver skins; and they would invent for us our spinning-wheels and our muskets."

"But as soon as we took this matter into our own hands, as soon as we said, 'If you please, we will do a little manufacturing for ourselves,' that soon there sprang to light this marvelous genius for invention which sent out our Eli Whitney and the host of his successors—such men as Bacheelder and Edison and Bigelow and Goodyear and Goulding—so that if a man smells smoke from a broiling beefsteak he invents a beefsteak broiler which shall not tell secrets to the rest of the family. 'Pity, pity, pity!' says the Golden Club, 'how much better if they were trapping beaver and catching lobsters!'"

Shall Virginia and the South continue to "catch the hare" for others to cook? Some of the greatest inventions of the age have come from Virginia brains. McCormick and his reaper are an example, and it was Virginia's loss that he had to have it made out of Virginia. There is no article that Virginia and the South needs that can be made in the South that it should not produce.

Advertise at Home.

From the Richmond Times.

THE ROANOKE TIMES says that the publication in that city of a telegram from Washington stating that Robert E. Clark had departed leaving a number of worthless checks, saved a Roanoke firm from losing one thousand dollars. This should teach Virginia people a lesson. The bona fide investor, as a rule, does not buy his Virginia land or stock from a man in another State. He generally puts himself in communication with Virginia agents residing in the Virginia cities and towns, and about whose reliability he can be readily informed. The State is frequently subsidized by capitalists in New England and other States for periods of one to three months, the object of such subscribers being to inform themselves of investment opportunities. The best way, therefore, to reach outside investment-seekers is to do so through Virginia home agencies.

MAJOR WISSMANN.

An African Explorer Who Undoubtedly Ranks Next to Stanley.

Major Hermann Wissmann has for some years been regarded by Germans as a German Stanley. Even foreigners who do not look at Africa through German spectacles must acknowledge that he takes rank next to Stanley in the work of exploring and acquiring African territory. But with Wissmann there is no pretense of a desire to civilize and Christianize the negro race for their own benefit and that of the world at large, and his expeditions that have cut their way through the country and killed, wounded or captured those who opposed them were of an avowedly military character. They invaded the dominions of the black princes in the name of the German Empire, they carried its flag and planted it squarely wherever they obtained a foothold, instead of doing the same things under the guise of peaceful agents of civilization whose mission was interfered with by savage tribes. Wissmann is a soldier with a strong taste for exploration and conquest and big ideas about building up a big German colonial empire.

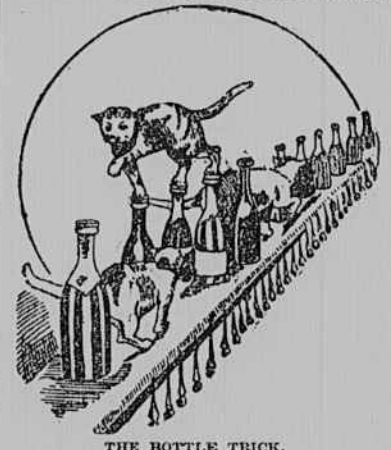
Wissmann was born at Frankfurt-on-the-Oder in 1838 and entered the German army in 1857. He had from his earliest youth evinced a taste for travel, and his restless temperament chafed at the inaction of barracks life in time of peace. Becoming acquainted with Dr. Pogge, the famous explorer, he offered his services to the East African Company in Berlin, and obtaining leave of absence from the army went to Africa. During the next three years he crossed the continent and did most efficient service. He returned to Germany in 1883 and before the end of the year was on his way back to Africa with an expedition fitted out by King Leopold of Belgium, to explore the basin of the Congo. He met his friend, Pogge, in Africa, and was with him when he died at St. Paul de Loando. He explored the Congo basin, but the ordeal broke down his health and he was obliged to spend some time at Madeira to recruit. After returning to Germany he was sent to Africa again in 1888 and given authority from the German Government to organize the force of black troops with which he crushed the Arab power and added immense tracts of territory to Germany's possessions. It was he who received Stanley and Emin Pasha at Bagamoyo on their arrival at the coast, and it was through him that Emin came to his lot with the Germans.

The Anglo-German convention handed over to England much of the territory acquired through Wissmann's exertions, and he has been since rather free in the expression of his disapproval. When the break came between Emperor William and Prince Bismarck he rather ostentatiously sided with the Chancellor, and the disfavor he then incurred has gone on increasing with the final result of his displacement by Emin Pasha. Emin is the first Hebrew ever given a prominent place in the German colonial or civil service.

CATS AND RATS.

Wonderful Results Secured by Education and Association.

There is a remarkable show at the Crystal Palace, London, which represents the millennium on a small scale. The lion does not lie down with the lamb, but the cat and the rat, the mouse and the canary, all live in peace and harmony together and enjoy the benefits of a good education. The educator of the animals is Miss Tina, who has taught them some remarkable feats. The cats walk the tight rope, which has white rats and mice and chirping canaries strewn all over it. The cats pick their way carefully among their natural prey without molesting them, and will even carry some of them on their backs without being once tempted to gobble them up. They walk over the tops of chairs, pick their way among a mass of champagne bottles without



THE BOTTLE TRICK.

displacing a single one of them, and jump through rings of fire without the slightest hesitation.

Miss Tina trains her cats, rats, mice and birds from a very early age. She begins with a kitten when it is about four months old and manages them by kindness. She never beats them and says they can be trained to almost any thing by perseverance. The rats and mice become accustomed to the cats and lose all fear of them. All are well fed and seem to enjoy their life.

A Cave of Spiders.

A short distance out from Buena Vista, Col., there is a cave literally swarming with spiders of a curious species of immense size, some of them having legs four inches in length and a body as large as that of a canary bird. The cave was discovered in December, 1879, and was often resorted to by the pioneers, who obtained the webs for use in place of thread. Early and late the cave constantly resounds with a buzzing noise which is emitted by the spiders while they are weaving their nets.

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We have for sale the following lots at prices as low, and, in many instances, lower than any other firm in the city.

12 lots on Albermarle street, Lewis Addition.

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10 lots on Mountain street.

25 lots on Commerce street.

30 lots on Jefferson street.

30 lots on Clarke street.

100 lots in West End.

100 lots in Janette Addition.

50 choice business lots on Campbell and Jefferson streets and Salem avenue.

3 fine residences on Jefferson street.

2 first-class houses on Eighth avenue for sale or rent.

2 desirable houses on Tazewell street for sale or rent.

1 fine 12-room house on Church street for sale.

In fact we have listed the best and cheapest properties and lots in the city.

We make a specialty of renting. We only rent to desirable tenants. If you have a house for rent list it with us.

Special attention paid to the interests of non-resident buyers.

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JEALOUS MYRA PATTERSON

Sent to Jail for an Assault Upon Bell Hope.

Mayor Evans heard the case against Myra Patterson charged with cutting Bell Hope yesterday afternoon.

But few witnesses were examined although the fight occurred at Huddleston's bar-room on Railroad avenue. Facts enough here brought out, however, to show that jealously prompted Myra to do the act, although she claimed that Preston Hunter was no friend of hers. She struck Bell in the face with her fists and did not use a knife.

The mayor fined her \$5, and in default of payment she was sent to jail.

"The shirts made for me are the best fitting I ever wore," writes a prominent citizen of Roanoke. Fine shirts made to order at ROANOKE SHIRT FACTORY, 117 Salem avenue. feb7-tf

Spring Season, 1891.

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110 Commerce St.

First grand opening of

Dress Stuffs,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday,
February 25, 26 and 27.

Our display on this occasion will represent the handsomest and largest collection of silk, woolen and cotton dress stuffs ever exhibited in Southwest Virginia.

Our assortment in fabrics of every sort is just as complete as can be found in larger cities, and ladies will be able to find almost any shade in any of the popular fabrics in our stock.

We will also show new things in white goods, embroideries, laces, gingham, percales, hosiery, gloves, underwear, muslin underwear, spring-weight jackets and blazers for ladies or children.

New things in counterpanes, table linens and house furnishings of all kinds at very close prices.

We cordially invite all the ladies to be present.

Heironimus & Brugh.

110 Commerce St.

SPRING Announcement.

Special attention is called to the large and complete line of spring and summer suitings, fancy vestings, trouserings and overcoatings imported by me direct.

Thanking my patrons for past favors and soliciting a continuance,

I am, very truly

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The Tailor.

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A Perfect Site For Industrial Purposes. Seventy-two miles west of Roanoke, Va., twenty-eight miles west of Radford, Va., and seventy-nine miles east of Bristol, Tenn., on the line of the Norfolk and Western railroad—a trunk line from New York to New Orleans.

It is only fifteen miles west of Pulaski, the point at which the North Carolina connection leaves the main line to connect with the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley railroad. With the completion of this and the Ironton extension to the Ohio river, both under active construction, a great BER TRUNK LINE from CHICAGO to the SOUTH ATLANTIC SEABOARD will be opened, giving ample facilities for reaching the largest and rapidly widening markets.

Max Meadows is only forty miles in an air line from the great POCAHONTAS PLAT TOP COAL FIELDS, although the present distance by rail is 103 miles.

It is surrounded by iron ore properties, and there is no point in Virginia that has cheaper and more regular supplies of COAL, COKE, and IRON ORE.

Although in the great Valley of Virginia, the altitude of Max Meadows is 2,015 FEET ABOVE TIDEWATER. The climate is perfect, the scenery superb, and the district has been noted for years for the richness and fertility of its soil, and the excellence of its FINE cattle and sheep.

One of the largest and most thoroughly equipped BLAST FURNACES in the South is rapidly approaching completion; a ROLLING MILL and HORSE SHOE FACTORY is under contract, and favorable negotiations for other industries are pending. By recent developments a strong red short iron ore is now available at this point at low cost. Every possible variety of iron, either red short, neutral, or cold short can be produced at will.

A proper admixture of ores will give a CHEAP IRON that cannot be excelled in any portion of the world for SMALL CASTINGS, and especially SHELF HARDWARE, being as FLUID as water, and TEXACIOUS and strong by reason of the copper in the red short ore. There are a number of CHARCOAL FURNACES in the vicinity giving chilling and malleable irons. To responsible parties disposed towards the establishment of independent or branches of any industrial works in IRON, STEEL, WOOD-WORKING, COTTON, WOOLEN, or in GENERAL LINES, ADMIRABLE SITES WILL BE GIVEN, fronting on both railroad and water, and hearty co-operation assured.

Reed Creek, one of the boldest streams in Southwest Virginia, flows through the town, furnishing ample water supplies for drinking, manufacturing and drainage purposes.

Extensive WATER WORKS are now being constructed; a LARGE MODERN HOTEL will be opened in December; the streets are being graded and macadamized, and an ELECTRIC PLANT will be established at an early day. Between 40 and 50 buildings have been erected during the last few months, and a large number are now under contract and construction.

The company is particularly desirous of having located a FIRST-CLASS MACHINE BRICK YARD. Aside from a very heavy local demand, it is a good shipping point for outside places.

A careful personal examination will convince any impartial observer that there is NO POINT, not merely in the South, but in ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY that offers greater business inducements in a legitimate way. No boom is looked for, but simply a steady and profitable development. Correspondence solicited, President, CLARENCE M. CLARK, Philadelphia, Pa.; vice-president, EDMUND C. PECHIN, Roanoke, Va.; manager, H. C. BAKER, Max Meadows, Va.

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